

**Agenda Questions/Responses
January 12, 2006**

6. What is the scope of work for the RWJ grant? (Council Member Jennifer Kim)

Attachment A provides the Scope of Work for the contract between the City of Austin and Indigent Care Collaboration utilizing the RWJ grant funds.

8. Why did we increase the funds? Is it for a non-profit or for-profit? (Council Member Jennifer Kim)

Austin Families, Inc. dba FamilyConnections is a non-profit agency.

The funding increase was driven by three reasons:

1. The 5.16% restoration of the social services reductions at \$30,019.
2. The 3% Cost of Living increase for social services contracts at \$20,832.
3. Annualizing the Child Care Gap funding from 6 months funding (\$12,500) in calendar 2005 to 12 months funding in calendar 2006 at \$25,000.

Reasons 1 and 2 were City Council actions that were included in the budget for Fiscal Year 2006 for the social service agencies. The total of the increases is over the \$47,000 limit set by City Council, and therefore requires City Council approval for the amendment increasing the contract amount.

11. What exactly is this? Does it address upper level classifications? (Council Member Jennifer Kim)

Chapter 143 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that a civil service city's governing body establish by ordinance the different classifications (ranks) within a police or fire department, as well as the number of positions within each classification. In order to increase, decrease, or abolish a position within a particular classification, the governing body must repeal the prior ordinance, and adopt a new one.

The item requests that APD reclassify one police officer position to a Sergeant position. An APD Sergeant is returning from Iraq this month. In his absence, the Sergeant position was filled so the Department would not have a vacancy; now that the Sergeant has returned, an additional Sergeant position is needed. This action does not increase the overall number of authorized positions in the Department. The Police Sergeant is responsible for supervising, coordinating, and assigning the activities of shift of police officers or investigators and respond to emergency situations. The reclassification does not affect the upper level classifications (Lieutenant and above).

**14. When does this contract begin and end?
(Council Member Jennifer Kim)**

The contract will begin February 2006 and end February 2007.

AHFC-4. What is the Inner-City Corporation? Why does AHFC have a slot on the board? Who else appoints members to the board? (Council Member Raul Alvarez)

The Austin Inner City Corporation is a for-profit corporation created by the Board of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (the City Council) in 1990 to become the general partner in a Low Income Housing Tax Credit project comprised of 26 affordable rental units in the Blackshear neighborhood.

AHFC created this corporation and per the corporation's bylaws, AHFC appoints its directors. Since this is a wholly AHFC-controlled corporation, only AHFC appoints its directors.

Z-10. What is the current use? What are the existing uses for tracts 26 and 27? What is the square footage of that use? (Council Member Raul Alvarez)

Tract 31 (subject tract) is Wings Fast Food. 2933 sq ft

Tract 26 is El Dorado Night Club. 12,750 sq ft

Tract 27 is El Reventon Night Club. 2877 sq ft.

Z-24. Why is staff requesting a DMU zoning designation? Isn't the proposed use off-site parking for Seaholm? Would CS or GR suffice for the purpose of serving the needs of Seaholm? Does staff has a preference for CS or GR? (Council Member Raul Alvarez)

Staff finds that the applicability of DMU to this property is compatible with existing land uses and DMU zoning in the area. Furthermore, DMU zoning will require the City to implement pedestrian uses at ground level. CS & GR would permit a parking garage however, the decision to use the site for this use has not been made. The DMU allows for the greatest flexibility for the City.

54. Are there other tracts that were developed with uses that were different than the use identified in the MUD land use plan, but which did not have to comply with SOS? A tract of land adjacent to the subject tract was given to the City for use as parkland and not developed per the MUD land use plan. Could the forgone developable impervious cover be allotted to the subject tract? If so, how much impervious cover would be permitted on the subject tract? (Council Member Raul Alvarez)

This will be discussed in Executive Session.

INDIGENT CARE COLLABORATION CONTRACT –**Attachment A****Services & Deliverables To Be Provided by ICC**

ICC will be responsible for the following services and deliverables, in accordance with the timelines or completion dates indicated. Ann Kitchen, ICC Executive Director, will act as the Project Manager, and Carole Tamayo, ICC Director of Technology, and Sandy Coe Simmons, ICC Director of Research and Evaluation, will provide technical assistance on each of the work steps and deliverables identified in this Attachment A, as needed. It is expected that most of Ms. Simmons' time will be spent providing technical assistance for two tasks – "Define Technical Solutions" and "Preparation of RFP/RFI".

1. Project Management Through Steering Committee. HHSD will act as the fiduciary agent for the Grant and ICC staff will provide project management. HHSD and ICC will discuss and appoint a steering committee to guide, direct and manage the project. Completion Date: January 31, 2006.

2. Best Practices. Identify, review and prepare report that describes current health care information exchange processes and practices by health providers, including public and private health entities in Austin and other major Texas cities, as well as other U.S. cities, and identify existing best practices and models for health information exchange networks. Completion Date: April 1, 2006

3. Define Objectives / Data Systems. Assist HHSD in defining objectives for linking to health information exchange applications in general and for immunization data exchange in particular. Define existing data exchange applications and information exchanges used by HHSD, the ICC and its members, and health care providers, including but not limited to hospitals, public and private primary care clinics/providers, and community based organizations within Travis County, with specific emphasis on disease surveillance and mandatory reporting of health conditions, immunization information, and epidemiological data. Completion: April 30, 2006.

4. Analyze Gaps. Analyze gaps between existing data, applications, information exchange systems and implementation of the HHSD objectives in general. Completion: March 30, 2006.

5. Define Technical Solutions. Define possible technical solutions to optimize current systems, implement new systems, or integrate existing systems with new systems in general and specifically for immunization system improvements. Completion: April 30, 2006.

6. Preparation of RFP/RFI. Upon request by City, assist in developing or reviewing a request for proposals/request for information for any external systems that may be desired as part of the technical solution options. Completion: May 30, 2006.

7. Community Stakeholder Process. Plan and facilitate multiple meetings with stakeholders to address needs, both for participation by public health agencies in general health information exchange and specifically for a possible immunization pilot project. As used in this Agreement, the term 'stakeholders' or 'community stakeholders' means acute-care hospitals and public and private

primary care clinics/providers located in the City of Austin or Travis County, as well as other city, municipalities and health departments in the state of Texas those physician group practices agreed upon by the City and ICC, and the Texas Department of State Health Services. Timeline: March - October 31, 2006. Additional goals of the stakeholder meetings are to:

- a. Define shared vision, goals, and objectives with community stakeholders
- b. Identify long term funding sources and sustainability mechanisms.
- c. Examine issues for long-term strategic planning.
- d. Describe vision, goals and objectives in high level, long-term strategic plan.
- e. Convene statewide stakeholder conference to address efficient exchange of specific health information, including immunization information, and current state-imposed restrictions.

8. Pilot Project Implementation. Plan, review, and implement pilot project that would increase provision of health data by local health providers to HHSD, thereby improving local disease surveillance programs, and also improve mechanisms for sharing immunization information data among local providers, including but not limited to state and local public health agencies. Identification of possible technologies and processes that would improve efficiency and timeliness of data sharing, and of ways to obtain needed patient authorizations. This process should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- f. Review existing information technology solution for sharing data within existing I-Care system, among ICC members.
- g. Review and assist HHSD in selecting community stakeholder participants for pilot project.
- h. Review local, state, and federal data sharing and confidentiality protocols, policies, ordinances, and regulations as they pertain to sharing of protected health information.
- i. Work with HHSD and other participants in preparing proposed policies and procedures.

Implement pilot project by November 30, 2006, provided, however, that the parties acknowledge that actual implementation of the pilot project may not be achievable if there are unforeseen problems or delays in accomplishing tasks 5 or 6, above.